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In re Patent Application of:
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For: A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT
CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED
FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C
VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2A, AND A
CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID
CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

Examiner: F. G. Sajjadi

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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February 1, 2010

Sir:

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 27, 2010, was issued in connection with the Amendment filed in connection with the above-identified application on October 16, 2009. This response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment contains a replacement section entitled "Amendments to the Claims." It is proper to submit only the corrected section since the Office Action to which the original Amendment was filed was a non-final Office Action.

This response contains:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on **page 2** of this paper and

Remarks/Arguments beginning on **page 8** of this paper.